



From developing and launching a new platform to playing a mission critical role in national security incidents, HSIN proved to be a valuable tool for Homeland Security professionals in 2013.

2013 was a “turnaround” year for the DHS’ Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) Program. The program successfully migrated more than 40,000 users, 145 communities of interest and a terabyte of data to the HSIN Release 3 (R3) platform, while playing a mission critical role in several, national, highly visible events and incidents including the 2013 Super Bowl, the Boston Marathon Bombing response and Hurricane Sandy response and recovery efforts. The program also consolidated seven portals with HSIN R3. With the successful launch of HSIN R3 in July, 2013, the legacy system was officially decommissioned.

Today, homeland security professionals from across Federal, State, Local, Territorial, Tribal, International and Private Sectors use HSIN R3 as their front door to a trusted, secure network for sensitive but unclassified information sharing. Features such as secure web conferencing, Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) mapping, instant messaging, and alerts and notifications are just a few of the enhanced features in HSIN R3. At the end of 2013, the HSIN program management office announced a combined team of veteran and new Mission Advocates to better serve HSIN users across geographic and jurisdictional mission areas.





JANUARY

■ 2013 Phoenix Open

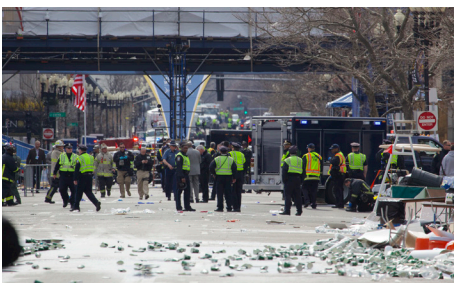
HSIN used for planning, operational and situational awareness of week-long event with more than 525,000 people, high temperatures, elevated structural and water hazards.

FEBRUARY

■ Super Bowl XLVII

HSIN used to coordinate more than 500 law enforcement and US military personnel to ensure safety and security of more than 110,000 attendees.

APRIL-MAY



■ Boston Marathon Bombing

HSIN used for continuous, secure, web-conferencing in support of operational collaboration of more than 20 State Fusion Centers from Maine to California and more than 400 law enforcement professionals, including intelligence officials across jurisdictions nationwide.

■ 2013 Kentucky Derby and Thunder Over Louisville Festival

HSIN used by more than 70 emergency medical technicians, hazmat technicians, law enforcement officers, firefighters, public health officials, other federal officials to help manage several large events of more than 500,000 people. Real-time video and cross-referencing from years past helped increase efficiency and rule out false alarms.

JULY



■ 2013 National Scout Jamboree

HSIN used for real time information sharing to coordinate event security and emergency medical services for more than 200,000 attendees.

■ Hells Angels USA Run Rally

HSIN used by nearly 500 Federal, State and Local patrol officers, investigators and administrators for real-time information sharing between field and headquarters operations.

■ Hercules Oil Well Fire

HSIN used as a virtual situational display board to keep members informed of progress and actions. Information was shared real-time among geographic locations and the Incident Command Post.

AUGUST

■ Iowa State Fair

Real-time information sharing on HSIN between several law enforcement entities to maintain safety and security of more than 1,000,000 attendees.

SEPTEMBER

■ St. Thomas Gas Fire

HSIN Connect provided real-time collaboration between emergency teams on the island as well as within the region.

OCTOBER

■ Attempted White House Perimeter Breach

DHS National Operations Center (NOC) Watch Officers posted Phase I reports to the FedOps Community of Interest (COI) on HSIN with new information posted as the incident developed. More than 450 officials used HSIN during and after the event.

■ Tropical Storm Karen

HSIN used for common operational picture planning and collaboration by Federal, State, and Local response agencies.

NOVEMBER

■ JFK 50th Anniversary in Dallas

Federal, state and local organizations used HSIN to monitor event activities and share information before, during and after the commemoration.

DECEMBER



■ Virgin Islands Incident Response Exercise

HSIN used by Fusion Centers during Tide Breaker III. The exercise tested several capabilities, including intelligence/information sharing and dissemination, interoperable communications, on-site incident management, emergency triage and pre-hospital treatment, medical evacuation, weapons of mass destruction (WMD)/hazardous material (HazMat) response, explosive device response operations and points of distribution operations.

These are just a few examples of HSIN's mission support and programmatic accomplishments for 2013. For more information, please contact the HSIN Outreach Team at HSIN.Outreach@hq.dhs.gov.

Color Key:

- Incident Response
- Disaster Planning and Response
- Event Planning and Execution